

ROMANS

1:1 Paul, *a slave of Christ Jesus, a called apostle*, having been separated for *the good-news of God* ²which He promised-beforehand through His prophets in *the Holy Scriptures* ³concerning His Son— the *One* having come from *the seed of David* according-to *the flesh*, ⁴the *One* having been designated as *the Son of God* with power according to *the Spirit of holiness* by *the resurrection from the dead*, Jesus Christ our Lord— ⁵through Whom we received grace and apostleship for *the obedience of faith* among all the Gentiles for the sake of His name, ⁶among whom **you** also are called *ones of Jesus Christ*, ⁷to all the *ones* being in Rome, beloved *ones of God*, called saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the Lord Jesus Christ*.

⁸First, I am giving-thanks to my God through Jesus Christ for you all because your faith is being proclaimed in the whole world.

⁹For God is my witness— Whom I am serving in my spirit in the good-news of His Son— how unceasingly I am making mention of you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking if somehow now at last I shall be prospered in the will of God to come to you. ¹¹For I am yearning to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you so that you *may* be established. ¹²And this is *that I may* be encouraged-together-with you among you— through each other's faith, both yours and mine.

¹³And I do not want you to be-unaware, brothers, that often I planned to come to you— and was prevented until now— in order that I might have some fruit among you also, as indeed among the other Gentiles. ¹⁴I am *a debtor* both to Greeks and barbarians, both to wise and foolish. ¹⁵So for my part, *I am* eager also to announce-the-good-news to you, the *ones* in Rome.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed-of the good-news, for it is *the power of God* for salvation to everyone believing— both to *the Jew* first and to *the Greek*. ¹⁷For *the righteousness of God* is revealed in it from faith to faith, just as it has been written [in Hab 2:4]: “But the righteous *one* shall live by faith”.

God's Wrath Is Upon All Sin

¹⁸For *the wrath of God* is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people holding-down the truth in unrighteousness.

Because God Revealed Enough of Himself In Creation For The World To Be Without Excuse

¹⁹Because the *thing* known of God is evident in them, for God made *it* evident to them. ²⁰For His invisible *things*— both His eternal power and divine-nature— are clearly-seen, being understood since *the creation of the world* in the *things* made, so that they are without-excuse.

And Having Known This Truth About God, The World Did Not Honor Him As God

²¹Because having known God, they did not glorify *Him* as God or give-thanks, but became futile in their thoughts, and their senseless heart was darkened.

They Turned From The Glory of The Immortal God To Their Crafted Images of God

²²While claiming to be wise, they became-foolish ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for a likeness— *an image of a mortal person* and of birds and of four-footed-animals and of reptiles. ²⁴Therefore God handed them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity so that their bodies are dishonored among them.

They Turned From The Truth To Worship The Creation Rather Than The Creator

²⁵Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creation rather than the *One* having created— Who is blessed forever, amen. ²⁶For this reason God handed them over to passions of dishonor. For both their females exchanged the natural [sexual] function for the *one* contrary to nature, ²⁷and likewise also the males, having left the natural [sexual] function of the female, were inflamed by their craving for one another— males with males committing the indecent-act and receiving-back in themselves the return which was due their error.

They Disapproved of Keeping God In Mind

²⁸And as they did not approve to have God in *their* knowledge, God handed them over to a disapproved mind, to do the *things* not being proper— ²⁹having been filled with all unrighteousness, evilness, greed, badness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; whisperers, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evils, disobedient to parents, ³¹senseless, unfaithful, unaffectionate, unmerciful; ³²who, having known the regulation of God that the *ones* practicing such *things* are worthy of death, not only are doing them, but are also giving-approval to the *ones* practicing them.

You Who Know More Truth And Judge Others By It Are Also Without Excuse

2:1 Therefore you are without-excuse, O human— everyone judging. For in what you are judging the other *person*, you are

condemning yourself; for you, the *one* judging, are practicing the same *things*! ²And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth upon the *ones* practicing such *things*.

Do You Think You Will Escape God's Judgment When You Do The Same Things?

³But are you thinking this, O human— the *one* judging the *ones* practicing such *things* and doing them [yourself]— that **you** will escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or are you disregarding the riches of His goodness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the good *thing* of God is leading you to repentance? ⁵But in accordance with your hardness and *your* unrepentant heart, you are storing-up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath and the revelation of the righteous-judgment of God, ⁶Who will render to each *one* according to his works— ⁷to the *ones* seeking glory and honor and immortality in accordance with endurance in good work, He will render eternal life; ⁸but to the *ones* indeed disobeying the truth and obeying unrighteousness out of selfish-interest, there will be wrath and fury.

There Is No Respect of Persons With God Regarding Sin And Judgment

⁹There will be affliction and distress upon every soul of the person committing evil— both of the Jew first and of the Greek. ¹⁰But there will be glory and honor and peace to everyone working good— both to the Jew first and to the Greek. ¹¹For there is no respect-of-persons with God. ¹²For all who sinned without-Law will also perish without-Law, and all who sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. ¹³For not the hearers of law are righteous before God, but the doers of law will be declared-righteous.

For Gentiles Will Be Judged By Their Own Standards Insofar As They Agree With God's

¹⁴For whenever Gentiles, the *ones* not having the Law, are doing by nature the *things* of the Law, these *ones* not having the Law are a law to themselves, ¹⁵who are demonstrating the work of the Law written in their hearts— their conscience bearing co-witness and their thoughts accusing or even defending between one another ¹⁶on the day when God judges the hidden *things* of people according to my good-news, through Christ Jesus.

And Jews Will Be Judged By The Law They Rely Upon

¹⁷But if **you** call-yourself a Jew, and rely upon the Law, and boast in God, ¹⁸and know His will, and approve the *things* mattering— being instructed out of the Law— ¹⁹and are confident as to yourself that you are a guide of blind *ones*, a light of the *ones* in darkness, ²⁰a corrector of foolish *ones*, a teacher of children, one having the embodiment of knowledge and truth in the Law, ²¹then— the *one* teaching another, are you not teaching yourself? The *one* proclaiming not to steal, do you steal? ²²The *one* saying not to commit-adultery, do you commit-adultery? The *one* detesting idols, do you rob-temples?

Their Transgression of The Law Dishonors God

²³You who are boasting in the Law are dishonoring God through transgression of the Law. ²⁴For “the name of God is being blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you”, just as it has been written [in Isa 52:5].

Circumcision Will Not Help Transgressors

²⁵For circumcision profits if you practice the Law— but if you are a transgressor of the Law your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ²⁶So if the uncircumcised *one* keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? ²⁷And the uncircumcised *one* by nature who is fulfilling the Law will judge you, the transgressor of the Law with the letter and circumcision! ²⁸For the Jew in the visible thing is not a Jew, nor is the circumcision in the visible thing in the flesh circumcision, ²⁹but the Jew in the hidden thing is a Jew, and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit not the letter— whose praise is not from people, but from God.

So Then What Is The Advantage of The Jew?

3:1 What then is the advantage of the Jew? Or what is the profit of circumcision? ²Much in every way. For first— that they were entrusted the oracles of God!

God Will Be Faithful To His Promises To The Jews Even If Some Reject Him

³What indeed if some were faithless? Their faithlessness will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ⁴May it never be! But let God be [seen to be] true and every person a liar, just as it has been written [in Ps 51:4]: “So that You might be declared-righteous in Your words and prevail in Your being judged”.

But God Is Not Unrighteous To Inflict Wrath On Jews Who Sin

⁵But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? God, the *One* inflicting the wrath, is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in accordance with human *thinking*). ⁶May it never be! Otherwise how will God judge the world?

God Holds Jews Accountable For Their Sin Too

⁷But if the truth of God abounded in my lie to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? ⁸Indeed, *why not say* “Let us do evil *things* that good *things* may come”, as we are blasphemed, and as some affirm us to say— whose condemnation is just!

Scripture Declares All Are Accountable And Guilty Before God. None Are Righteous

⁹Therefore what? Are we better [than they]? Not at-all. For we already-charged *that* both Jews and Greeks are all under sin, ¹⁰just as it has been written: “There is not a righteous *one*, not even one. ¹¹There is no *one* understanding. There is no *one* seeking-out God. ¹²They all turned-away, together they became useless. There is no *one* doing goodness. There is not as-many-as one” [Ps 14:1-3]. ¹³“Their throat *is an* opened grave. With their tongues they were deceiving” [Ps 5:9]. “*The poison of asps is* under their lips” [Ps 140:3]. ¹⁴“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness” [Ps 10:7]. ¹⁵“Their feet *are* swift to shed blood. ¹⁶Destruction and misery *are* in their ways. ¹⁷And they did not know *the way of peace*” [Isa 59:7-8]. ¹⁸“There is no fear of God before their eyes” [Ps 36:1]. ¹⁹And we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to the *ones* under the Law— in order that every mouth may be stopped and the whole world may become accountable to God. ²⁰Because by *the works of law* no flesh will be declared-righteous in His sight. For through law *comes the knowledge of sin*.

But Now Righteousness From God Has Been Revealed

²¹But now apart from law, *the righteousness of God* has been revealed, being attested by the Law and the Prophets.

It Comes As an Undeserved Gift Through Faith In Christ, Who Satisfied God's Wrath

²²And *it is the righteousness of God* through faith in Jesus Christ for all the *ones* believing! For there is no distinction, ²³for all sinned and are coming-short-of the glory of God, ²⁴being declared-righteous as-a-gift by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, ²⁵Whom God set-forth *as that-which-satisfies* [His wrath] through faith, in His blood— for *the demonstration of His righteousness* because of the passing-by of the sins having previously-taken-place ²⁶in the forbearance of God; for the demonstration of His righteousness at the present time, so that He *might* be righteous and declaring-righteous the *one* of faith in Jesus.

There Can Be No Boasting In Our Works: It Is By Faith For All!

²⁷Where then *is* the boasting? It was shut-out. Through what kind of law? *Of works?* No, but through *a law of faith*. ²⁸For we consider *a person* to be declared-righteous by faith apart from works of the Law. ²⁹Or *is He* the God of Jews only? *Is He* not also *the God of Gentiles?* Yes, *of Gentiles* also, ³⁰since *there is* one God— Who will declare-righteous *the* circumcised by faith, and *the* uncircumcised through the *same* faith. ³¹Do we then nullify *the Law* through the faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish *the Law*.

What About Abraham?

4:1 What then shall we say *that* Abraham, our forefather according-to *the flesh*, has found? ²For if Abraham was declared-righteous by works, he has *a boast*— but not before God.

His Righteousness Came By Faith

³For what does the Scripture say?— “And Abraham believed God, and it was credited *to him* for righteousness” [Gen 15:6]. ⁴Now *to the one* working, the wages are not credited *to him* based-on grace, but based on debt. ⁵But *to the one* not working but putting-faith upon the *One* declaring the ungodly righteous— his faith is credited for righteousness. ⁶Just as David also says [in Ps 32:1-2] *as to* the blessedness of the person *to whom* God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed *are the ones* whose lawless-deeds were forgiven and whose sins were covered. ⁸Blessed *is the man* whose sin *the Lord* will never count”.

This Occurred Prior To Circumcision

⁹So *is* this blessedness upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say “Faith was credited *to* Abraham for righteousness”. ¹⁰How then was it credited— *to one* being in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision! ¹¹And he received *the sign of* circumcision, *a seal of* the righteousness of faith *while* in uncircumcision, so that he *might* be *the father of* all the *ones* believing through uncircumcision— so that righteousness *might* be credited also *to them*— ¹²and *the father of the* circumcised *to the ones* not of circumcision only, but indeed the *ones* walking-in-line in the footsteps of the faith of our father Abraham *while he was* in uncircumcision.

The Promise Was Not Through The Law But Faith, Making It Firm To All

¹³For the promise *to* Abraham or *to* his seed *that he should* be the inheritor of the world was not through *the Law*, but through *the righteousness of faith!* ¹⁴For if the *ones of the Law are* inheritors, faith has been made-empty and the promise has been nullified. ¹⁵For the Law brings-about wrath. But where there is no Law, neither *is there* transgression. ¹⁶For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* based on grace, so that the promise *might* be firm *to* all the seed— not *to the seed* of the Law only, but also *to the seed of the faith of* Abraham,

Abraham Is The Father of All Who Believe

... who is *the father of us all*—¹⁷just as it has been written [in Gen 17:5] that “I have made you *a father of many nations*”— before God Whom he believed, the *One* giving-life-to the dead and calling the *things* not being as being,

He Believed God's Promise, Contrary To All His Human Circumstances

¹⁸... who believed contrary-to hope, upon hope, so that he *might* become *the father of many nations* in accordance with the *thing* having been spoken [in Gen 15:5]: “So shall your seed be”.¹⁹ And not having weakened *in* faith, he considered his *own* body already having become impotent, being about *a hundred years old*, and the deadness *of* the womb *of* Sarah.²⁰ But he did not waver *in* unbelief with reference to the promise *of* God, but became-strong *in* faith— having given glory *to* God,²¹ and having been fully-convinced that what He had promised He was able also to do.

His Faith Was Credited To Him As Righteousness, And So Is Ours

²²Therefore indeed it was credited *to* him for righteousness.²³ And it was not written for his sake only that it was credited *to* him,²⁴ but also for our sake *to* whom it is going-to be credited— the *ones* putting-faith upon the *One* having raised Jesus our Lord from *the* dead,²⁵ Who was handed-over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This Means We Have Peace With God And Access To His Grace Through Jesus Christ

5:1 Therefore, having been declared-righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through Whom also we have the access *by* faith into this grace in which we stand.

And In Spite of Our Afflictions, Our Hope Will Not Disappoint Us, For God Loves Us

And we are boasting over *the* hope *of* the glory *of* God.³ And not only *this*, but we also are boasting in the afflictions— knowing that the affliction is producing endurance,⁴ and the endurance *is producing* approvedness, and the approvedness *is producing* hope,⁵ and the hope does not put-to-shame because the love *of* God has been poured-out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit having been given *to* us.

For God Shows His Love For Us In That Christ Died To Reconcile And Save Us

⁶For while we *were* still being weak, yet at *the* right-time, **Christ** died for ungodly *ones*.⁷ For one will rarely die for *a* righteous *person*; for perhaps someone may even dare to die for the good *person*.⁸ But God demonstrates His *own* love for us because while we *were* still being sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Therefore *by* much more, having now been declared-righteous by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath through Him.¹⁰ For if while being enemies we were reconciled *to* God through the death *of* His Son, *by* much more having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Our Boast Is In God Through Jesus Christ

¹¹And not only *this*, but *we are* also boasting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we now received the reconciliation.

This Means That Death And Life Each Originated In The Act of One Man

¹²Because of this, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through the sin, and so death went-through to all people because all sinned—¹³for until *the* Law, sin was in *the* world, but sin is not charged-to-the-account, *there* being no law.¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over the *ones* not having sinned in the likeness *of* the transgression *of* Adam, who is *a* pattern *of* the *One* coming.

One Sin Brought Death To Adam's Many. God's Gift Abounded To Christ's Many

¹⁵But not as *is* the trespass, so also *is* the grace-gift. For if *by* the trespass *of* the one *man* the many died, *by* much more the grace *of* God and the gift *by* *the* grace *of* the one man Jesus Christ abounded for the many.

Death Reigns From One Sin. The Gift Brings a Reign In Life To Those Receiving It

¹⁶And not as *what resulted* through one *man* having sinned *is* the given-gift. For the judgment *is* from one *trespass*, resulting-*in* a verdict-of-condemnation; but the grace-gift *is* from many trespasses, resulting *in* a verdict-of-righteous. ¹⁷For if *by* the trespass *of* the one *man* death reigned through the one, *by* much more the *ones* receiving the abundance *of* the grace and *of* the gift *of* righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Just As One Act Resulted In Condemnation, So One Act Resulted In Justification

¹⁸So then, as *it was* through one trespass resulting-*in* a verdict-of-condemnation for all people, so also *it was* through one righteous-act resulting-*in* a declaring-righteous *issuing in* life for all people.¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience *of* the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience *of* the One the many will be made righteous *ones*.

The Law Increased Sin, But Grace Abounded So As To Reign Through Righteousness

²⁰And *the* Law came-in-beside that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace super-abounded, ²¹in order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness, resulting-in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Does Not Mean That We Should Keep Sinning Because Salvation Is By Grace

6:1 Therefore, what shall we say? Should we be continuing *in* sin in order that grace might increase? ²May it never be! How shall we who died *to* sin still live in it?

Don't You Know That We Died With Christ In Order To Live a New Life With Him?

³Or do you not know that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried-with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ arose from *the* dead through the glory *of* the Father, so also we might walk in newness *of* life.

For We Share In His Death To Sin And His Life With God

⁵For if we have become united-with *Him* in the likeness *of* His death, certainly we shall be also *in the likeness of His* resurrection, ⁶knowing this: that our old person was crucified-with *Him* in order that the body *of* sin might be done-away-with, *so that* we no longer are-slaves *to* sin. ⁷For the *one* having died has been declared-righteous from sin. ⁸And if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live-with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having arisen from *the* dead, dies no more. Death lords-over Him no longer. ¹⁰For *the death* that He died, He died *to* sin once-for-all. But *the life* that He is living, He is living *to* God. ¹¹So also you, be counting yourselves to be dead *to* sin but living *to* God in Christ Jesus.

So Don't Let Sin Reign In You, But Present Yourself To God As Alive From The Dead

¹²Therefore do not let sin be reigning in your mortal body so that *you are* obeying its desires, ¹³nor be presenting your body-parts *to* sin *as* instruments *of* unrighteousness. But present yourselves *to* God as-if being alive from *the* dead, and your body-parts *to* God *as* instruments *of* righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not lord-over you— for you are not under *the* Law, but under grace.

This Does Not Mean We Should Sin Because We Are Not Under Law, But Under Grace

¹⁵Therefore, what? Should we sin because we are not under *the* Law but under grace? May it never be!

You Were Set Free From Slavery To Sin. So Present Yourself As Slaves of Righteousness

¹⁶Do you not know that *to* whom you are presenting yourselves *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves *to* whom you are obeying— whether *slaves of* sin leading-to death, or *slaves of* obedience leading-to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks *be to* God that you were slaves *of* sin, but you obeyed from *the* heart *the* form *of* teaching to which you were delivered. ¹⁸And having been set-free from sin, you were enslaved *to* righteousness ¹⁹(I am speaking *in* human *terms* because of the weakness *of* your flesh). For just as you presented your body-parts *as* slaves *to* impurity and lawlessness leading-to lawlessness, so now present your body-parts *as* slaves *to* righteousness leading to holiness.

The Fruit of Sin Is Shame And Death; Righteousness Leads To Holiness And Life

²⁰For when you were slaves *of* sin, you were free *to* righteousness. ²¹So what fruit were you having at that time? *Things* over which you are now ashamed! For the outcome *of* those *things is* death. ²²But now having been set-free from sin and enslaved *to* God, you are having your fruit leading-to holiness. And the outcome *is* eternal life! ²³For the wages *of* sin *is* death, but the gift *of* God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But We Are Indeed Not Under The Law, For It Only Has Jurisdiction Over The Living

7:1 Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking *to ones* knowing *the* Law), that the Law lords-over the person for as much time as he lives? ²For the married woman has been bound *by the* Law *to* the living husband; but if the husband dies, she has been released from the law *of* the husband. ³So then, while the husband *is* living, she will be called *an* adulteress if she comes *to a* different husband. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, *so that* she is not *an* adulteress, having come *to a* different husband.

We Have Died To The Law In Christ

⁴So-then, my brothers, **you** also were put-to-death *with reference to* the Law through the body *of* Christ so that you *might* come *to a* different *One*— *to the One* having arisen from *the* dead— in order that we might bear-fruit *for* God.

Having Died, We Are Released From The Law Through Which Sin Produced Death

⁵For when we were in the flesh, the passions *of* sins which *were* through the Law were at-work in our body-parts so as to bear-fruit *for* death. ⁶But now we were released from the Law, having died *to that* by which we were being held, so that we *are* serving in newness *of* the Spirit and not *in* oldness *of* the letter.

Not That The Law Is At Fault For My Sin

⁷Therefore, what shall we say? *Is* the Law sin? May it never be! On-the-contrary, I *would* not *have* known **sin** except through *the* Law.

Sin Used The Law To Produce Sin In Me

For indeed I *would* not *have* known coveting if the Law were not saying [in Ex 20:17], “You shall not covet”. ⁸But sin, having taken *an* opportunity through the commandment, produced every [kind of] coveting in me. For apart-from *the* Law, sin *is* dead.

And Sin Used The Law To Kill Me

⁹And I was once alive apart from *the* Law. But the commandment having come, sin became-alive ¹⁰and I died. And the commandment for life— this was found *in* me *to be* for death. ¹¹For sin, having taken *an* opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it, killed *me*.

So The Law Is Good

¹²So-then the Law *is* holy, and the commandment *is* holy and righteous and good.

Not That The Law Killed Me. Sin Is To Blame For My Death

¹³Therefore did the good *thing* become death *for* me? May it never be! On the contrary, *it was* sin, in order that it might become-visible *as* sin while producing death *in* me through the good *thing*, in order that sin might become extremely sinful through the commandment.

I Agree The Law Is Good, But The Sin In Me Produces Behavior I Hate

¹⁴For we know that the Law is spiritual. But I am made-of-flesh, having been sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand what I am producing. For I am not practicing this which I am wanting, but I am doing this which I am hating. ¹⁶But if I am doing this which I am not wanting, I am agreeing-with the Law— that *it is* good. ¹⁷And now I am no longer producing it, but the sin dwelling in me *is*.

I Know I Am Not Good, For I Cannot Do The Good I Want To Do

¹⁸For I know that **good** does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh. For the wanting is present *in* me, but the producing the good *is* not. ¹⁹For I am not doing *the* good which I am wanting, but I am practicing this evil which I am not wanting. ²⁰But if I am doing this which I am not wanting, I am no longer producing it, but the sin dwelling in me *is*.

So The Evil Inside Me Enslaves Me To The Law of Sin And Death In Me

²¹I find then the law *in* me, the *one* wanting to do the good, that the evil is present *in* me. ²²For I am rejoicing-with the Law of God according-to the inner person. ²³But I am seeing *a* different law in my body-parts waging-war-against the law of my mind, and taking me captive under the law of sin existing in my body-parts. ²⁴I *am* a wretched person! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵But thanks *be to* God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself am serving *the* Law of God *with* the mind, but *the* law of sin *with* the flesh.

This Does Mean That There Is Now No Condemnation For Those In Christ Jesus

8:1 Therefore, *there is* now no condemnation *for* the *ones* in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set you free from the law of sin and death!

For God Did What The Law Could Not Do, For Those Walking In The Spirit

³ For the *thing* impossible *for* the Law, in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did*. Having sent His *own* Son in *the* likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, the *ones* walking not in-accordance-with *the* flesh, but in accordance with *the* Spirit.

For The Way of The Flesh Is Death. But You Are Not In The Flesh, But In The Spirit

⁵For the *ones* being in accordance with *the* flesh are thinking the *things* of the flesh, but the *ones being* in accordance with *the* Spirit, the *things* of the Spirit. ⁶For the way-of-thinking of the flesh *is* death, but the way-of-thinking of the Spirit *is* life and peace. ⁷Because the way-of-thinking of the flesh *is* hostility toward God; for it is not subject to the Law of God, for it is not even able. ⁸And the *ones* being in *the* flesh are not able to please God. ⁹But **you** are not in *the* flesh, but in *the* Spirit— since *the* Spirit of God is dwelling in you. But if anyone does not have *the* Spirit of Christ, this *one* is not of Him.

And The Spirit Is True Life In Us Now, And Will Give Life To Our Mortal Bodies

¹⁰And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of the *One* having raised Jesus from *the* dead is dwelling in you, the *One* having raised Christ from *the* dead will also give-life-to your mortal bodies through His Spirit dwelling in you.

So We Are Debtors To The Spirit To Put To Death The Deeds of The Flesh And Live

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors— not to the flesh, *that we should* be living in accordance with *the* flesh. ¹³For if you are living in accordance with *the* flesh, you are going-to die. But if *by the* Spirit you are putting-to-death the practices *of* the body, you will live.

For Those Being So Led By The Spirit Are The Adopted Children of God

¹⁴For all who are being led *by the* Spirit of God, these are sons *of* God. ¹⁵For you did not receive *a* spirit of slavery again leading-to fear, but you received *a* Spirit of adoption by Whom we are crying-out “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears-witness-with our spirit that we are children *of* God!

This Means We Are Joint-Heirs With Christ, Sharing His Suffering And Glory

¹⁷And if *we are* children, *we are* heirs also. *We are* heirs *of* God, and fellow-heirs *of* Christ, since we are suffering-with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified-with *Him*. ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings *of* the present time *are not worthy* to the glory destined to be revealed to us.

Creation Itself Groans To Share In Our Glory

¹⁹For the eager-expectation *of* the creation is awaiting the revelation *of* the sons *of* God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility— not willingly, but because of the *One* having subjected *it*— in hope ²¹that the creation itself also will be set-free from the slavery *of* decay into the freedom *of* the glory *of* the children *of* God. ²²For we know that the whole creation is groaning-together and suffering-birthpains-together until the present.

We Groan For The Redemption of Our Body

²³And not only *creation*, but also ourselves having the firstfruit *of* the Spirit— **we** ourselves also are groaning within ourselves while eagerly-awaiting adoption, the redemption *of* our body. ²⁴For we were saved *in* hope. But hope being seen is not hope, for who hopes-for what he sees? ²⁵But since we hope-for what we do not see, we are eagerly-awaiting *it* with endurance.

The Spirit Groans To Help Us In Our Present Weakness

²⁶And similarly also the Spirit helps our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray as *we* ought-to, but the Spirit Himself intercedes-for *us* with inexpressible groanings. ²⁷And the *One* searching *our* hearts knows what the mind *of* the Spirit *is*, because He is interceding for *the* saints in accordance with God.

This Means God Is Working All Things Together Toward Our Glorification

²⁸And we know that all *things* are working-together for good *for* the *ones* loving God, the *ones* being called *ones* according to *His* purpose. ²⁹Because whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* similar-to-the-form *of* the image *of* His Son, so that He *might* be firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And whom He predestined, these He also called. And whom He called, these He also declared-righteous. And whom He declared righteous, these He also glorified.

So What Shall We Say To All This? If God Is For Us, Who Will Condemn Us?

³¹Therefore, what shall we say to these *things*? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³²He Who indeed did not spare *His* own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely-give us all *things*? ³³Who will bring-a-charge against *the* chosen *ones* *of* God? God *is* the *One* declaring-righteous! ³⁴Who *is* the *one* who will condemn? Christ Jesus *is* the *One* having died, but more, having been raised, Who also is *at the* right *hand* *of* God, Who also intercedes for us!

Nothing Can Separate Us From Christ's Love; We Are Conquerors Through Him

³⁵What shall separate us from the love *of* Christ? Affliction, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶Just as it has been written [in Ps 44:22] that “For your sake we are being put-to-death the whole day. We were considered as sheep *for* slaughter”. ³⁷But in all these *things* we overwhelmingly-conquer through the *One* having loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor *things* present nor *things* coming, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other creation will be able to separate us from the love *of* God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

My Heart Has Great Grief And Pain Over Israel

9:1 I am telling *the* truth in Christ, I am not lying— my conscience bearing-witness-with me in *the* Holy Spirit— ²that there is great grief *in* me and unceasing pain *in* my heart. ³For I *would* pray that I myself *might* be **accursed** from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to *the* flesh— ⁴who are Israelites, *of* whom *is* the adoption and the glory and the covenants and the Law-giving and the [temple] service and the promises, ⁵*of* whom *are* the fathers, and from whom *is* the Christ according-to *the* flesh, the *One* being over all, God, blessed forever, amen.

But Not All Abraham's Physical Children Are Children of God

⁶But it is not such as that the word of God has failed—for not all these *ones* from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor are they all children because they are seed of Abraham, but “In Isaac a seed will be called for you” [Gen 21:12]. ⁸That is, these children of the flesh are not children of God, but the children of the promise are counted for seed. ⁹For the word of promise is this: “I will come at this time, and there will be a son to Sarah” [Gen 18:10]. ¹⁰And not only this, but there is also Rebekah having bed from one man, Isaac our father. ¹¹For the twins having not yet been born nor having done anything good or bad—in order that the purpose of God according to His choosing might continue, ¹²not of works but of the One calling—it was said to her [in Gen 25:23] that “the older will serve the younger”. ¹³Just as it has been written [in Mal 1:2-3]: “I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau”.

God Has Mercy On Whom He Wants, And He Hardens Whom He Wants

¹⁴Therefore what shall we say? There is not unrighteousness with God, is there? May it never be! ¹⁵For He says to Moses [in Ex 33:19], “I will have-mercy-on whomever I have-mercy, and I will have-compassion-on whomever I have compassion”. ¹⁶So then, mercy is not of the one wanting, nor of the one running, but of the One having-mercy— God. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh [in Ex 9:16] that “I raised you up for this very purpose: so that I might demonstrate My power in you, and so that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth”. ¹⁸So then, He has-mercy-on whom He wants, and He hardens whom He wants.

The Creator Is Making Known His Wrath And His Mercy In Humankind

¹⁹Therefore you will say to me, “Why then does He still find-fault? For who has resisted His will?” ²⁰O human, on the contrary, who are you, the one answering-back to God? The thing formed will not say to the one having formed it, “Why did you make me like-this?”, will it? ²¹Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make from the same lump one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? ²²But what if God, wanting to demonstrate His wrath and to make-known His power, bore with much patience vessels of wrath having been prepared for destruction, ²³and did so in order that He might make-known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy which He prepared-beforehand for glory— ²⁴even us whom He called not only from the Jews, but also from the Gentiles?

He Is Making Those Not His People His Own Children

²⁵As He says also in Hosea: “I will call ‘Not My people’, ‘My people’; and ‘Not having been loved’, ‘Having been loved’” [Hos 2:23]. ²⁶“And it shall be in the place where it was said to them ‘you are not My people’, there they will be called sons of the living God” [Hos 1:10].

But Only a Remnant of Israel Will Be Saved

²⁷But Isaiah cries-out concerning Israel: “If the number of the sons of Israel should be like the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. ²⁸For the Lord will accomplish His word upon the earth, completing and cutting-short” [in Isa 10:22-23]. ²⁹And just as Isaiah said-before [in Isa 1:9]: “Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left-behind a seed for us, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been likened as Gomorrah”.

Israel Pursued a Righteousness Through The Law, And Did Not Attain It

³⁰Therefore, what shall we say? That Gentiles, the ones not pursuing righteousness, took-hold-of righteousness— but a righteousness by faith. ³¹But Israel, pursuing the Law of righteousness, did not attain to that Law. ³²For what reason? Because they pursued it not by faith, but as-if it was by works. They stumbled on the Stone of stumbling, ³³just as it has been written [in Isa 28:16]: “Behold—I am laying in Zion a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of falling. And the one putting-faith upon Him will not be put-to-shame”.

Israel's Zeal Is Not In Accordance With Knowledge

10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and petition to God for them is for their salvation. ²For I testify concerning them that they have a zeal for God— but not in-accordance-with knowledge.

For They Are Ignorant of The Source of True Righteousness

³For being-ignorant-of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness for everyone believing.

The Law Requires Performance; True Righteousness Comes By Faith In Christ

⁵For Moses writes [in Lev 18:5] as to the righteousness of the Law that “The person having done them will live by them”. ⁶But the righteousness of faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, “Who will go up into heaven?”, that is, to bring Christ down, ⁷or “who will go down into the abyss?”, that is, to bring Christ up from the dead. ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”, that is, the word of faith which we are proclaiming, ⁹that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is believed with the heart resulting-in righteousness, and it is confessed with the mouth resulting in salvation.

The Scripture Says Faith Leads To Salvation For Both Jew And Greek

¹¹For the Scripture says [in Isa 28:16] “everyone putting-faith upon Him will not be put-to-shame”. ¹²For there is no distinction *between* both Jew and Greek— for the same Lord *is Lord of* all, being rich toward all the *ones* calling-upon Him. ¹³For “everyone who calls-upon the name *of the* Lord will be saved” [Joel 2:32].

This Is Why God Sent Forth His Messengers With The Report About Christ

¹⁴How then may they call-upon *the One* in Whom they did not believe? And how may they believe *the One* Whom they did not hear? And how may they hear without *one* proclaiming? ¹⁵And how may they proclaim if they are not sent-forth?— just as it has been written [in Isa 52:7]: “How beautiful *are* the feet *of the ones* announcing-good-news-of good things!” ¹⁶But they did not all obey the good-news, for Isaiah says [in Isa 53:1], “Lord, who put-faith-*in* our report?” ¹⁷So the faith *comes* from a report-hearing, and the report-hearing through a word *about* Christ.

But It Is Not As Though Israel Did Not Hear

¹⁸But I say— *it is not that* they did not hear, *is it?* On the contrary: “Their voice went-out into all the earth, and their words to the ends *of the* world” [Ps 19:4].

And It Is Not As Though Israel Did Not Know

¹⁹But I say— *it is not that* Israel did not know, *is it?* First, Moses says [in Deut 32:21] “I will provoke you to jealousy over *what is not a* nation. I will provoke you to anger over *a* nation without-understanding”. ²⁰And Isaiah is very-bold and says [in Isa 65:1] “I was found by the *ones* not seeking Me. I became visible *to the ones* not asking-for Me”. ²¹But with-regard-to Israel He says [in Isa 65:2], “I held-out My hands the whole day toward *a* disobeying and contradicting people”.

But God Did Not Reject His People

11:1 Therefore I say, God did not reject His people, *did He?* May it never be! For I also am *an* Israelite, from *the* seed of Abraham, *the* tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not reject His people whom He foreknew!

There Is Still a Remnant Chosen By God

Or do you not know what the Scripture says in-connection-with Elijah [in 1 Kings 19:14], how he appeals *to* God against Israel?— ³“Lord, they killed Your prophets, they tore-down Your altars, and I alone was left, and they are seeking my life”. ⁴But what does the divine-response say *to* him [in 1 Kings 19:18]?— “I left-remaining *for* Myself seven-thousand men who did not bow *a* knee *to* Baal”. ⁵In this manner then, there has come-to-be *a* remnant also at the present time, according-to *the* choosing of grace. ⁶And if *it is* by grace, *it is* no longer by works. Otherwise the grace becomes grace no longer.

But The Rest Were Hardened By God

⁷Therefore what? This which Israel is seeking-for, it did not obtain. But the chosen obtained *it*, and the rest were hardened, ⁸just as it has been written: “God gave them *a* spirit of stupor [Isa 29:10], eyes *that they may* not see and ears *that they may* not hear, until this very day” [Deut 29:4]. ⁹And David says [in Ps 69:22-23], “Let their table become *a* snare and *a* trap and *a* cause-of-falling and *a* retribution *to* them. ¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened *that they may* not see. And bend their back continually”.

And Israel Did Not Stumble So As To Fall

¹¹Therefore I say, they did not stumble in order that they might fall, *did they?* May it never be! On-the-contrary, *by* their trespass salvation *came to* the Gentiles, so as to provoke them to jealousy. ¹²But if their trespass *is* riches *for the* world and their defeat *is* riches *for the* Gentiles, how much more *will* their fullness *be!* ¹³And I am speaking *to you*, the Gentiles. So indeed to the extent I am *an* apostle *of the* Gentiles I glorify my ministry— ¹⁴if somehow I might provoke my flesh to jealousy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection *is* reconciliation *for the* world, what *will their* acceptance *be* if not life from *the* dead?

Their Branches Were Broken Off By Unbelief And You Were Grafted In By Faith

¹⁶But if the firstfruit *is* holy, the lump *is* also. And if the root *is* holy, the branches *are* also. ¹⁷Now if some *of the* branches were broken-off and **you**, being *a* wild-olive-tree, were grafted-in among them and became *a* co-partner *of the* root, *of the* fatness *of the* olive tree, ¹⁸do not be vaunting *over* the branches. But if you vaunt, [remember] **you** are not carrying the root, but the root *you*. ¹⁹You will say then, “Branches were broken off in order that **I** might be grafted-in”. ²⁰Well *said!* They were broken off *by their* unbelief, and **you** stand *by your* faith. Do not be thinking lofty *things*, but be fearing— ²¹for if God did not spare the branches in accordance with nature, perhaps neither will He spare *you*.

They Will Be Re-Grafted If They Believe

²²Therefore behold *the* kindness and severity *of* God— severity upon the *ones* having fallen, but *the* kindness *of* God upon *you*, if *you* continue *in His* kindness. Otherwise **you** also will be cut off. ²³But those *ones* also, if they do not continue *in* unbelief, will be grafted-in. For God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if **you** were cut off from the wild-olive-tree according to nature

and were grafted-in contrary to nature into *a* cultivated-olive-tree, how much more will these, the *ones* in accordance with nature, be grafted-in *their* own olive tree!

All Israel Will Be Saved

²⁵For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, *as to* this mystery— in order that you not be wise among yourselves— that *a* hardness in part has happened *to* Israel until the fullness *of* the Gentiles comes in. ²⁶And so all Israel will be saved, just as it has been written: “The *One* delivering will come from Zion, He will turn-away ungodliness from Jacob. ²⁷And this *is* the covenant from Me *with* them, when I take-away their sins” [Isa 59:20-21].

They Are Beloved To God

²⁸In relation to the good-news they are enemies [of God] for your sake— but in relation to the choosing of God they are beloved ones [of God] for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are without-regret.

They Will Be Shown Mercy

³⁰For just as **you** once disobeyed God, but now were shown-mercy *in* the disobedience of these *Jews*, ³¹so also these *Jews* now disobeyed *in* the mercy belonging to you, in order that **they** also now may be shown-mercy. ³²For God confined all in disobedience in order that He may show-mercy to all.

O The Depth of God's Wisdom! To Him Be The Glory!

³³*O* the depth of riches both *of* the wisdom and *the* knowledge *of* God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and untraceable His ways! ³⁴“For who knew *the* mind *of* the Lord? Or who became His counselor?” [Isa 40:13]. ³⁵“Or who previously-gave *to* Him and it will be repaid *to* him?” [Job 41:11]. ³⁶Because all *things are* from Him and through Him and for Him. *To Him be* the glory forever, amen.

I Urge You To Present Your Bodies To God As a Living Sacrifice, And Renew Your Mind

12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the compassions *of* God, to present your bodies *as a* living holy sacrifice pleasing *to* God, *as* your spiritual worship. ²And do not be conformed *to* this age, but be transformed *by* the renewing *of your* mind, so that you *may* be approving what *is* the good and pleasing and perfect will *of* God.

Think Sound-Mindedly About Yourself As God Has Apportioned You The Faith

³For I say *to* everyone being among you through the grace having been given *to* me not to be thinking-highly *of yourself* beyond what *you* ought-to think, but to be thinking so *as to* be sound-minded, as God apportioned *to* each *a* measure *of* faith.

For We Are One Body In Christ. Use The Gifts and Faith God Has Given You

⁴For just as we have many body-parts in one body and all the body-parts do not have the same function, ⁵in this manner we the many are one body in Christ, and individually body-parts *of* one another. ⁶And having different *grace*-gifts according-to the grace having been given *to* us, *exercise them accordingly*: whether prophecy, in accordance with the proportion *of your* faith; ⁷or service, in-the-sphere-of *your* service; or the *one* teaching, in the sphere of *your* teaching; ⁸or the *one* exhorting, in the sphere of *your* exhortation; the *one* giving, with generosity; the *one* leading, with diligence; the *one* showing-mercy, with cheerfulness.

Think And Diligently Act In Love, Faith, And Holiness

⁹*I say to let your* love *be* sincere, while abhorring the evil, clinging *to* the good; ¹⁰*to be* affectionate to one another *in* brotherly-love, preferring one another *in* honor; ¹¹*to not be* hesitant *in* diligence; *to be* boiling *in* spirit, serving the Lord, ¹²rejoicing *in* hope, enduring *in* affliction, devoting-yourself *to* prayer, ¹³sharing *in* the needs *of* the saints, pursuing hospitality. ¹⁴Be blessing the *ones* persecuting you— be blessing and not cursing. ¹⁵*I say to* rejoice with rejoicing *ones*, to weep with weeping *ones*; ¹⁶*to be* thinking the same *thing* toward one another, not thinking lofty things, but being carried-along-with the lowly (do not be wise among yourselves); ¹⁷*to be* giving-back evil for evil *to* no one; *to be* providing-for good *things* in the sight of all people, ¹⁸living-in-peace with all people if possible— *as far as* from you; ¹⁹*to not be* avenging yourselves, beloved, but give *a* place *to* the wrath *of* God. For it has been written: “Vengeance *is for* Me, I will repay, says *the* Lord” [Deut 32:35]. ²⁰“But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give-a-drink *to* him. For doing this, you will heap coals *of* fire upon his head” [Prov 25:21-22]. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but be overcoming evil with good.

Be Subject To Authorities: They Are Established By God

13:1 Let every soul be subject *to* superior authorities. For there is no authority except by God. And the existing *ones* are established by God. ²So then the *one* opposing the authority has resisted the ordinance *of* God. And the *ones* having resisted will receive judgment *on* themselves.

Rulers are God's Servants To Reward Good And Punish Evil

³For the rulers are not *a* fear *to* good work, but *to* evil. Now do you want to not be fearing the authority? Be doing good, and

you will have praise from him— ⁴for he is God’s servant *to* you for good. But if you are doing evil, be fearing! For he does not bear the sword in-vain— for he is God’s servant, *an* avenger for wrath *on* the *one* practicing evil. ⁵Therefore *it is* a necessity to be subject— not only because of the wrath, but also because of the conscience.

So Give Them Their Due

⁶For because of this also you pay tributes. For they are ministers *of* God devoting-themselves to this very *thing*. ⁷Give-back *to* all *authorities* the *things* owed— the tribute *to* the *one* owed the tribute, the tax *to* the *one* owed the tax, the fear *to* the *one* owed the fear, the honor *to* the *one* owed the honor.

Pay Your Ongoing Debt of Love

⁸Be owing nothing *to* anyone except to be loving one another. For the *one* loving the other has fulfilled *the* Law. ⁹For the *saying* “You shall not commit-adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet” [Ex 20:13-17], and if *there is* any other commandment, is summed-up in this *saying*— in the “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” [Lev 19:18]. ¹⁰Love does not work harm *to* the neighbor. Therefore love *is* the fulfillment *of* the Law.

Put On The Weapons of The Light, And Make No Provision For The Flesh

¹¹And *do* this knowing the time, that *it is* already *the* hour *for* you to arise from sleep. For now our salvation *is* nearer than when we believed. ¹²The night is advanced, and the day has drawn-near. Therefore let us lay-aside the works *of* the darkness and let us put-on the weapons *of* the light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in *the* day— not *in* revelries and drunkenness, not *in* beds and sensualities, not *in* strife and jealousy, ¹⁴but put-on the Lord Jesus Christ and do not be making provision *for* the flesh, for *its* desires.

Accept Those Weak In The Faith

14:1 Now be accepting the *one* being weak *in* the faith— [but] not for disputes *about* opinions.

Don’t Judge The Opinions of Fellow Servants of Your Master

²One has faith to eat all *things*, but the *one* being weak eats vegetables. ³Let not the *one* eating be treating-with-contempt the *one* not eating. And let not the *one* not eating be judging the *one* eating— for God accepted him. ⁴Who are **you**, the *one* judging a household-servant belonging-to-another? *To* *his* own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Live For The Lord As You Think Best, For Each of Us Will Give an Account To God

⁵For one judges *a* day beyond *a* day, but another judges every day *alike*. Let each *one* be fully-convicted in *his* own mind. ⁶The *one* thinking *as to* the day, is thinking *for* the Lord. And the *one* eating, is eating *for* the Lord— for he gives-thanks *to* God. And the *one* not eating, is not eating *for* the Lord— and he gives-thanks *to* God. ⁷For none *of* us lives *for* himself, and none dies *for* himself. ⁸For if we live, we live *for* the Lord; and if we die, we die *for* the Lord. Therefore if we live and if we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For Christ died and came-to-life for this: that He might be-Lord both *of* dead and living *ones*. ¹⁰But why are **you** judging your brother? Or why also are **you** treating your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment-seat *of* God. ¹¹For it has been written [in Isa 45:23]: “*As I* live”, says *the* Lord, “every knee will bow *to* **Me**. And every tongue will confess-*out to* God”. ¹²So then, each *of* us will give *an* account for himself *to* God.

Don’t Let Your Good Choices Cause Spiritual Harm To Others; Walk In Love

¹³Therefore let us no longer be judging one another. But rather judge this: not to be placing *an* opportunity-for-stumbling or a cause-of-falling *for* the brother (¹⁴I know and am convinced in *the* Lord Jesus that nothing *is* defiled in itself, except *to* the *one* considering anything to be defiled— *to* that *one* *it is* defiled). ¹⁵For if your brother is grieved because of food, you are no longer walking according-to love. Do not be destroying *with* your food that *one* for whom Christ died. ¹⁶Therefore do not be letting your good *thing* be blasphemed. ¹⁷For the kingdom *of* God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁸For the *one* serving Christ in this *is* pleasing *to* God and approved *by* people.

Let Us Be Pursuing Peace And Things That Build Up, Not Things That Tear Down

¹⁹So then, let us be pursuing the *things* of peace and the *things* of edification for one another. ²⁰Do not be tearing-down the work *of* God for the sake of food. All *things* are clean— but *it is* evil *for* the person eating with *an* opportunity-for-stumbling. ²¹*It is* good not to eat meats, nor to drink wine, nor *to do anything* by which your brother stumbles.

Hold To Your Convictions, But Carry The Weak. Don’t Just Please Yourselfes

²²*The* faith which **you** have, be having for yourself in the sight of God. Blessed *is* the *one* not judging himself in what he is approving. ²³But the *one* doubting has been condemned if he eats, because *it was* not from faith— and everything which *is* not from faith is sin. **15:1** But **we**, the strong *ones*, ought to be carrying the weaknesses *of* the *ones* not-strong, and not to be pleasing ourselves.

Be Pleasing Your Neighbor: For Even Christ Didn't Please Himself, As It Is Written

²Let each of us be pleasing *his* neighbor for good, toward [his] edification. ³For even Christ did not please Himself, but just as it has been written [in Ps 69:9]: “The reproaches of the *ones* reproaching You fell upon Me”.

For Scripture Was Written To Give Us Hope As We Endure In This

⁴For all that was written-before was written for our instruction, in order that we might have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures.

May God Help You All To Think The Same Thing, To His Glory

⁵Now may the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be thinking the same *thing* among one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶in order that with-one-accord you may with one mouth be glorifying the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore Accept One Another As Christ Has Accepted You, Both Jew And Gentile

⁷Therefore, be accepting one-another, just as Christ also accepted you— for the glory of God. ⁸For I say that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God, so that He might confirm the promises of the fathers, ⁹and the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy just as it has been written: “For this reason I will praise You among the Gentiles and I will sing-praise to Your name” [Ps 18:49]. ¹⁰And again he says, “Celebrate, Gentiles, with His people” [Deut 32:43]. ¹¹And again, “All Gentiles, be praising the Lord, and let all the peoples praise Him” [Ps 117:1]. ¹²And again Isaiah says, “There will be the root of Jesse, even the *One* rising-up to rule the Gentiles. The Gentiles will put-their-hope upon Him” [Isa 11:10].

Peace And Joy To You All

¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may be abounding in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers, I Wrote To You As a Minister of Christ To The Gentiles, Serving The Gospel

¹⁴Now I am convinced, my brothers— even I myself concerning you— that you yourselves also are full of goodness, having been filled with all knowledge, being able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵But I wrote more-boldly to you, in part as reminding you again, because of the grace having been given to me by God ¹⁶so that I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, performing-priestly-service-for the good-news of God in order that the offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

My Ministry of The Gospel To Gentiles Who Have Not Heard Is My Boast And My Ambition

¹⁷I then have *this* boasting in Christ Jesus as to the things pertaining to God— ¹⁸for I will not dare to speak anything of things which Christ did not accomplish through me in word and deed for the obedience of the Gentiles, ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God— so-that from Jerusalem and around as far as Illyricum I have completed the good-news of Christ, ²⁰and was thus being ambitious to be announcing-the-good-news where Christ was not named in order that I might not be building upon a foundation belonging-to-another, ²¹but just as it has been written [in Isa 52:15]: “*Ones* to whom it was not declared concerning Him will see, and they who have not heard will understand”.

Pursuing This Ministry, I Hope To Come To You On The Way To Spain

²²Therefore indeed I was hindered as to many things from coming to you. ²³But now no longer having a place in these regions, and having a yearning for many years that I should come to you ²⁴whenever I am proceeding into Spain— for I hope, while proceeding-through, to see you and to be sent-forward there by you, if I may first be filled in part with your company.

But First I Am Going To Jerusalem, Taking a Contribution To The Poor Saints There

²⁵But now I am proceeding to Jerusalem, serving the saints. ²⁶For Macedonia and Achaia were well-pleased to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. ²⁷For they were well-pleased, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted also to minister to them in fleshly things. ²⁸Having then completed this, and having sealed this fruit to them, I will go through you into Spain. ²⁹And I know that while coming to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

Pray For Me, Brothers

³⁰Now I appeal-to you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to struggle-with me in your prayers to God for me— ³¹that I may be delivered from the ones disobeying in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove-to-be acceptable to the saints, ³²in order that having come in joy to you by the will of God, I may rest-up-with you. ³³Now the God of peace be with you all, amen.

Closing Remarks And Greetings:

I Commend Phoebe To You; Help Her

16:1 Now I commend *to* you our sister Phoebe— *she* being also *a* servant *of* the church in Cenchrea— ²in order that you may receive her in *the* Lord worthily *of* the saints, and may stand-by her in whatever matter she may be having-need *of* you. For she herself indeed became *a* benefactor *of* many, and *of* me myself.

Greet My Friends

³Greet Prisca and Aquila— my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who risked their *own* neck for my life, *to* whom not only am **I** giving-thanks, but also all the churches *of* the Gentiles— ⁵and the church at their house. Greet Epaphroditus, my beloved, who is *the* firstfruit *of* Asia for Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who labored-*at* many *things* for you. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow-captives, who are notable among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. ⁸Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in *the* Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow-worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. ¹⁰Greet Apelles, the approved *one* in Christ. Greet the *ones* from the *ones of* Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet the *ones* from the *ones of* Narcissus, the *ones* being in *the* Lord. ¹²Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, the *ones* laboring in *the* Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who labored-*at* many *things* in *the* Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, the chosen *one* in *the* Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with *a* holy kiss.

The Churches Here Greet You

All the churches *of* Christ greet you.

Watch Out For False Teachers

¹⁷Now I urge you, brothers, to be watching-out-for the *ones* producing the dissensions and the causes-of-falling contrary to the teaching which **you** learned, and be turning-away from them. ¹⁸For such *ones* are not serving our Lord Christ, but their *own* stomach. And by smooth-talk and flattery they deceive the hearts *of* the guileless *ones*. ¹⁹For your obedience reached to all, therefore I am rejoicing over you. But I want you to be wise with-reference-to the good and innocent with-reference-to the evil. ²⁰And the God *of* peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace *of* our Lord Jesus *be* with you.

My Companions Greet You

²¹Timothy my fellow-worker greets you, and *so do* Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen. ²²**I**, Tertius, greet you— the *one* having written the letter in *the* Lord. ²³Gaius, the host *of* me and *of* the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the steward *of* the city, greets you, and *so does* Quartus, *our* brother. ²⁴

To God Be The Glory

²⁵Now *to* the *One* being able to establish you in-accordance-with my good-news and the proclamation *of* Jesus Christ, [which is] in-accordance-with *the* revelation *of* the mystery having been kept-silent *for* eternal times, ²⁶but now having been revealed and **having been made-known to all the nations** through *the* prophetic Scriptures according to *the* command *of* the eternal God for *the* obedience *of* faith, ²⁷*to* the only wise God through Jesus Christ, *to* Whom *be* the glory forever, amen.